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Fall Announcement # 27, District 2 Commercial Period 10

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Through August 26 the cumulative fall chum salmon passage past Pilot Station sonar is approximately 651,718 fish which is above the historical median of 482,800 fish for that date. Based on inseason assessment, the projected fall chum salmon run size is greater than 900,000 fish. Through August 26 the cumulative coho salmon passage past Pilot Station is 57,045 fish which is well below the historical median of 99,300 for that date. The coho salmon run passed the historical midpoint on August 21. The coho salmon run to date is one of the lowest on record.

District Y-2

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District Y-2 on Wednesday, August 28 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This will be a 5-hour commercial fishing period. Gillnets are restricted to a maximum mesh size of 6 inches or less.

The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District Y-2 is 97,791 fall chum and 23,223 coho salmon.

District Y-2 commercial fishermen are requested not to fish on the south bank of Yukon River in front of the Pilot Station sonar site from an ADF&G buoy just upstream of the sonar to an ADF&G marker 500 yards downstream. Commercial fishing in this area interferes with sonar operations and can affect fish counts. The department thanks commercial fishermen for their continued cooperation.

In District Y-2 subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishing in District Y-2 will close at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 28 and will reopen at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, August 29.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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